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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 7, 2009, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on April 7, 2009, the period for responding having been extended to expire on May 7, 2009, by a request for a one-month Extension of Time and payment of the appropriate fee submitted concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.